

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Walworth County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

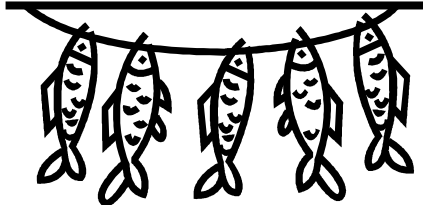
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Walworth County, **35,294** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Big Food Beach State Park and Kettle Moraine State Forest – Southern Unit** had close to **1,393,661 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$58,148,920**.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **659 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Walworth County.

Walworth County has over **16,198 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

In 2014, DNR stocked **1,280 pheasants** in Walworth County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

Community Partnerships

Matheson Memorial Library in Walworth County was one of **17 libraries** chosen to test pilot **Outdoor Explorer Backpacks**. The backpacks encourage kids and families to get outdoors and explore Wisconsin's natural resources.

A total of **\$301,042** was awarded in **Walworth County** for ATV, snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Snapshot of grants in Walworth County

A total of **\$3,720,574** was awarded in Walworth County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests, an aquatic invasive species control and prevention program, improvements to the Delavan Lake launch and bike path development in the Village of Williams Bay.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Since 2011, **Walworth County has received \$6,400 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

DNR granted \$29,094 to local Fire Departments in Walworth County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Twelve communities in Walworth County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Since 2005, **over 11,000 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Walworth County. The harvests provided more than **\$388,256 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$19,000 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 751 contaminated properties** resulting in **115 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to 29 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years.

DNR provided **\$276,844 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$225,941 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive use.

Deer Management in Walworth County

In 2014, Walworth County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 1,422 deer were registered in Walworth County with 529 harvested during archery deer season and 893 harvested during the gun deer season.